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### **Idaho Milk Production down 0.2 Percent**

Idaho milk production during August 2012 totaled 1.18 billion pounds, a 0.2 percent decrease from the same month last year and a 0.5 percent decrease from July 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. July 2012 milk production was revised to 1.19 billion pounds, down 14 million pounds. Average milk production per cow in August 2012 was 2,040 pounds, up 10 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during August was 578,000 head, down 4,000 head from August 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 15.3 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2011. July revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from July 2011. The July revision represented a decrease of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,803 pounds for August, 10 pounds below August 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 32,000 head more than August 2011, but 4,000 head less than July 2012.

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